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Following the deaths of her mother and brother, Orchid has nothing left to lose. Hell bent on revenge, she forms an unlikely trio with a Shadow Rebel, Simon, and a mysterious warrior, Opal. When the battle to reclaim their lives and their world had just begun, Opal—revealed as the rebel martyr General China—was killed. Driven to despair by the death of her surrogate mother, Orchid tried on Opal's mask . . . and found she could call upon the great power it possessed. Hope, albeit minimal, was rekindled.

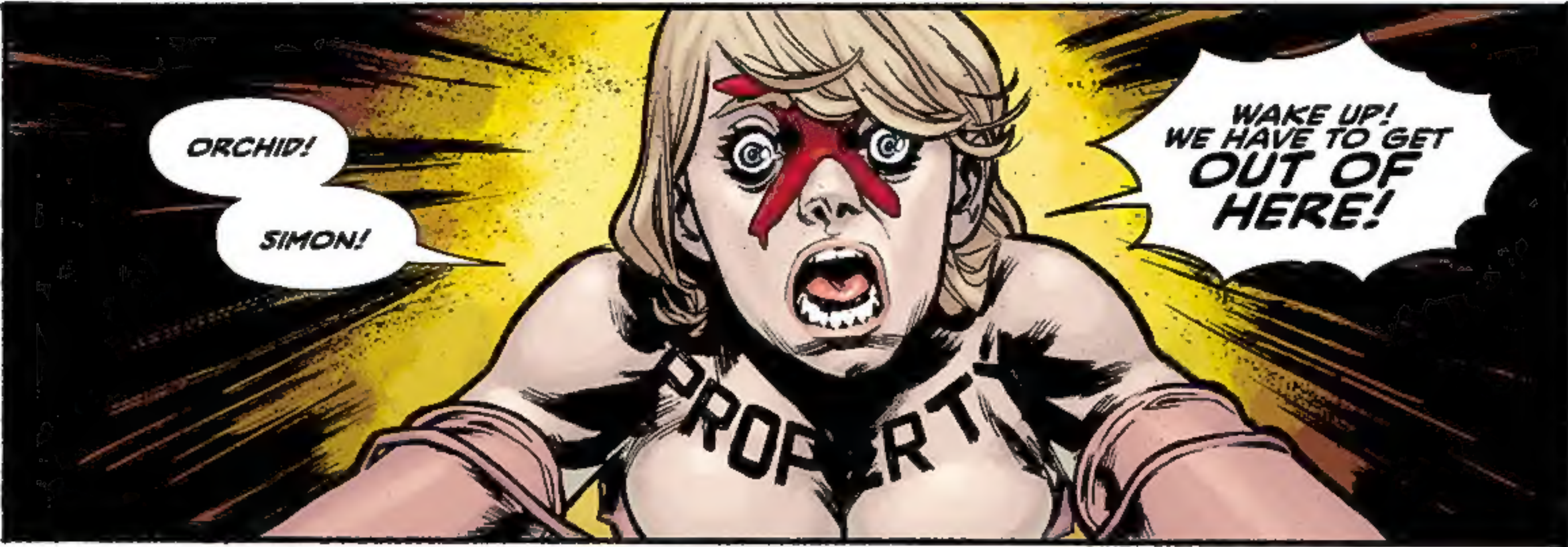
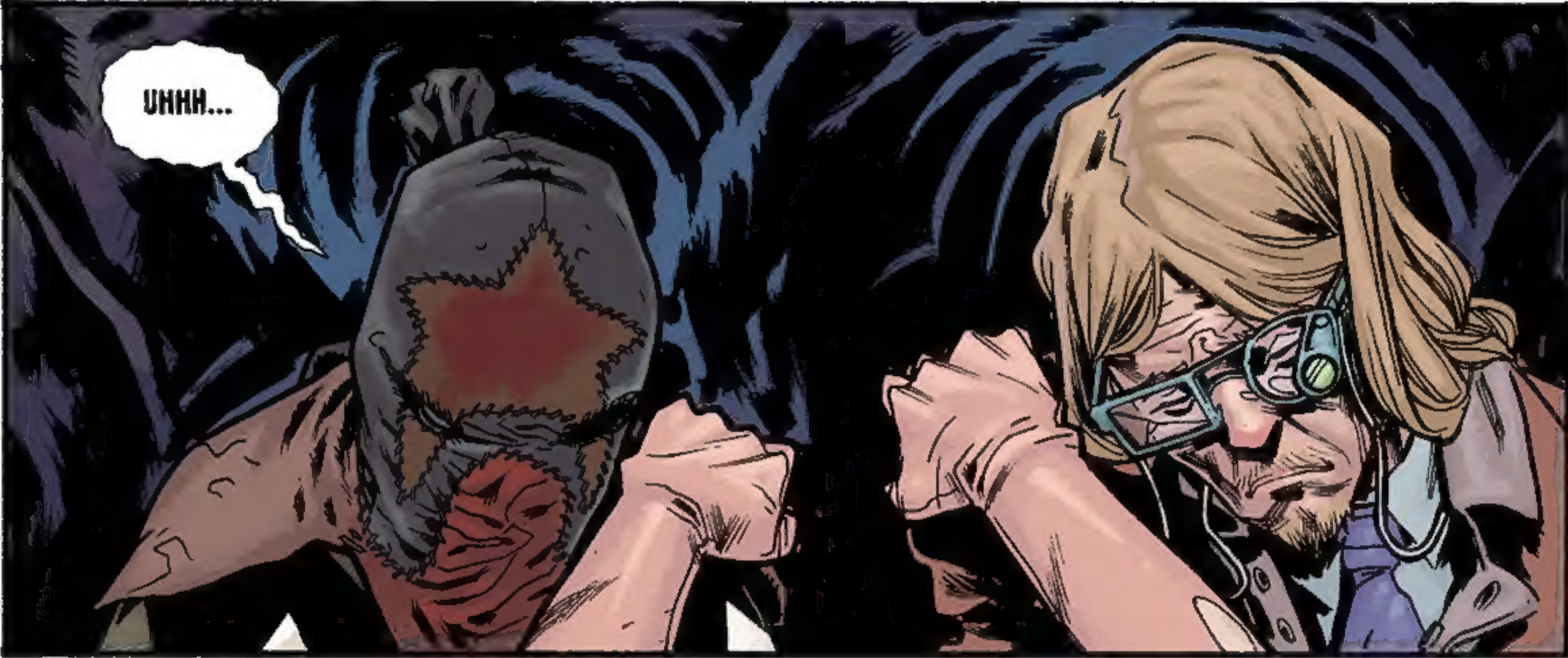
Now, the former prostitute turned rebel leader has rallied the oppressed Bridge People for a final assault on the vicious dictator Tomo Wolfe. The stakes are absolute: freedom or death.

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THAT MONSTER BARRABAS IS KILLING MY SIRE VARASHEEN! STOP HIM, WESTIN...

...BEFORE HE COMES UP HERE!

MY, MY, FIRST, IT'S *DON* WESTIN. AND DON'T WORRY, HE CAN'T REACH US HERE.

BARRABAS WON'T LEAVE THIS ROOM ALIVE.



LAIKA... IS SIMON ALIVE?

YES, BUT--

THEN GET HIM OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY TURN ON US!

HOWE! THIS IS CRAZY!

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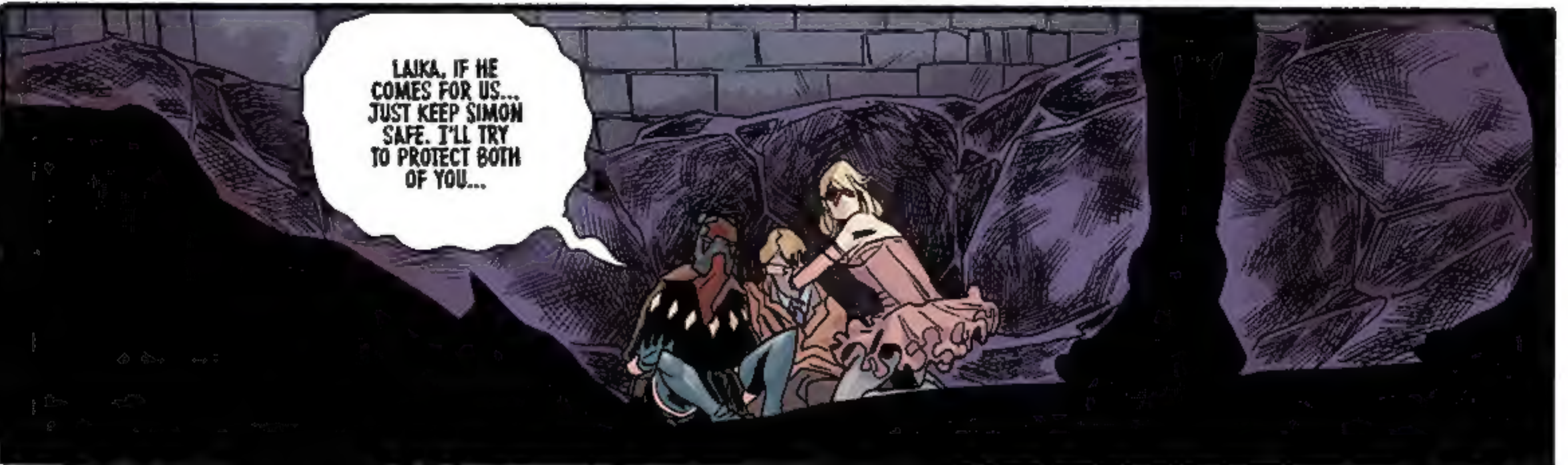
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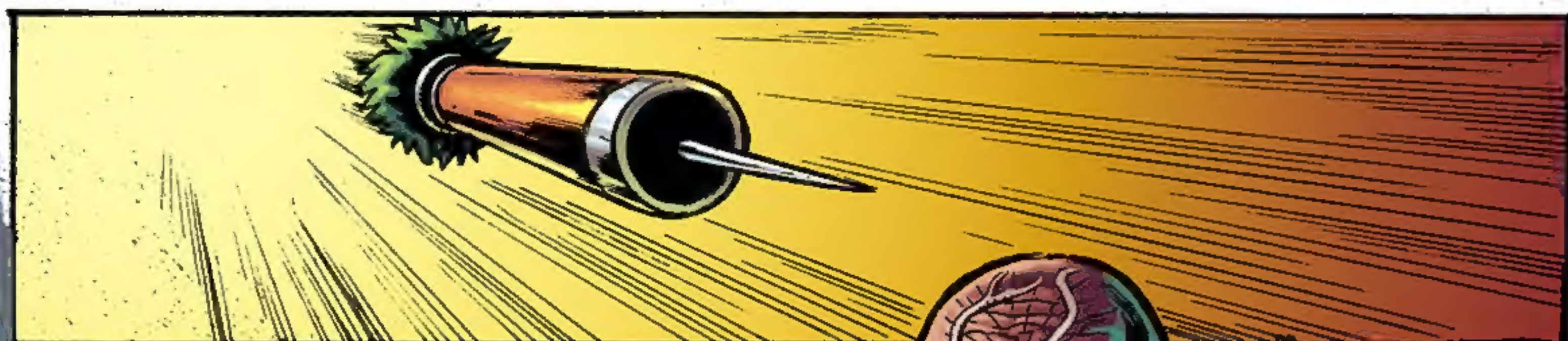




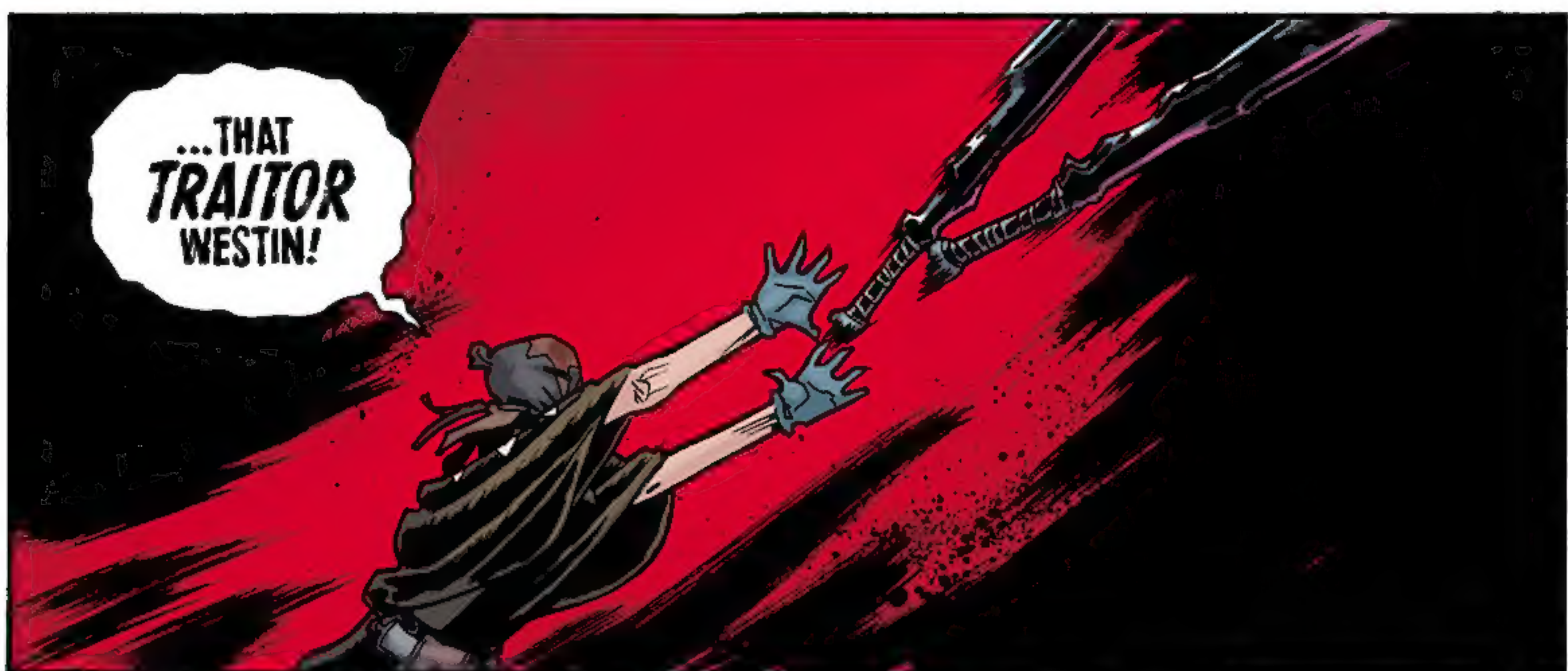




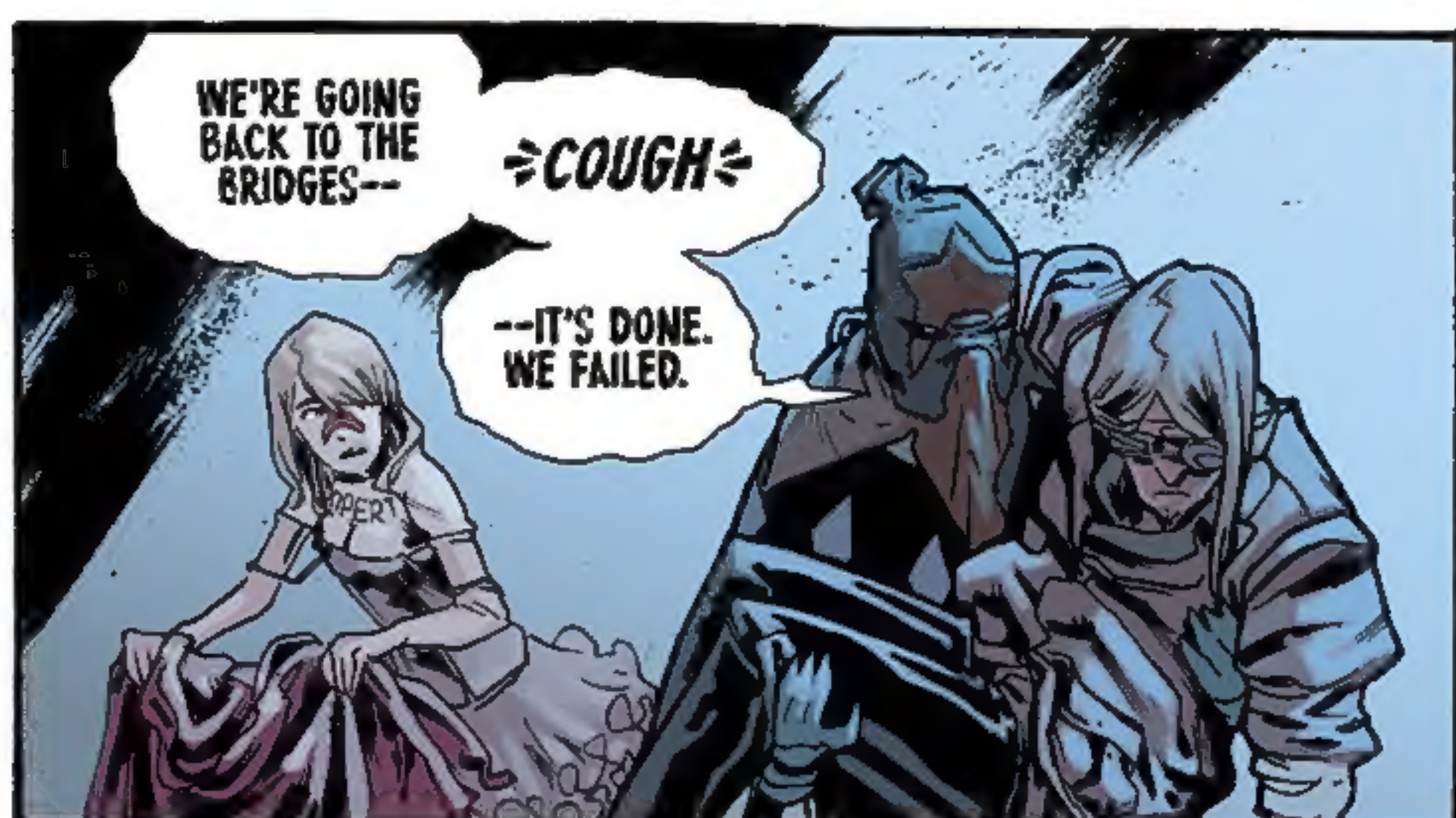










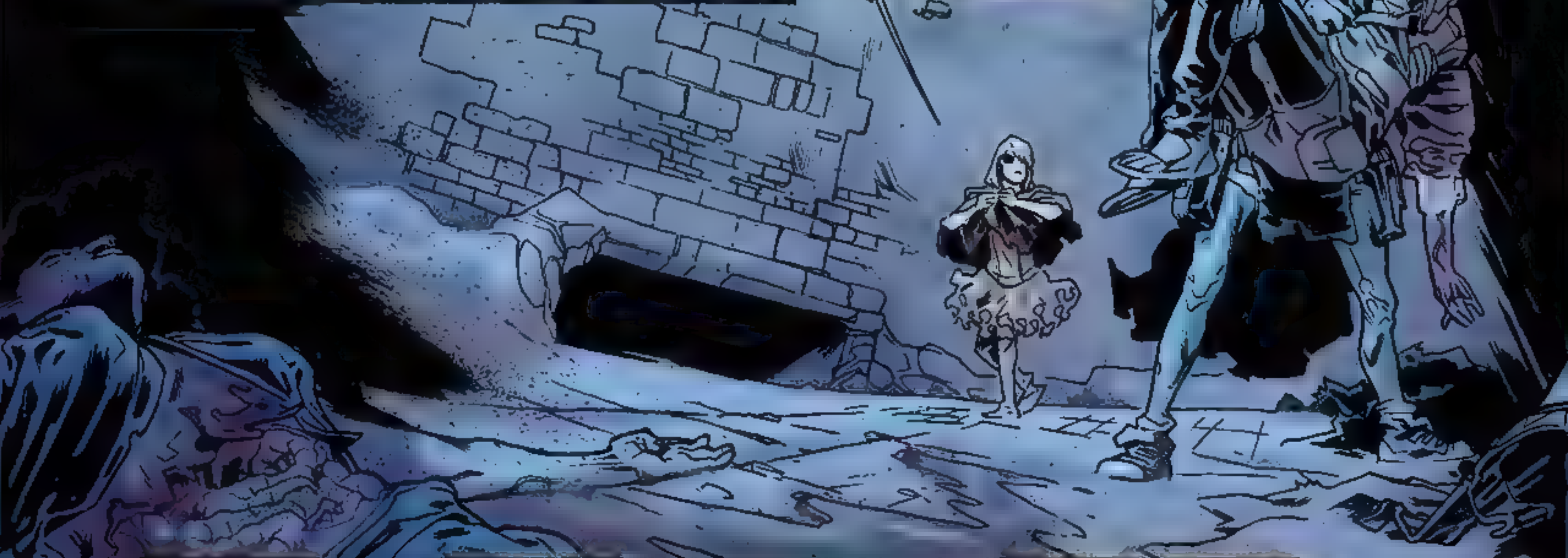






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LEAVING?

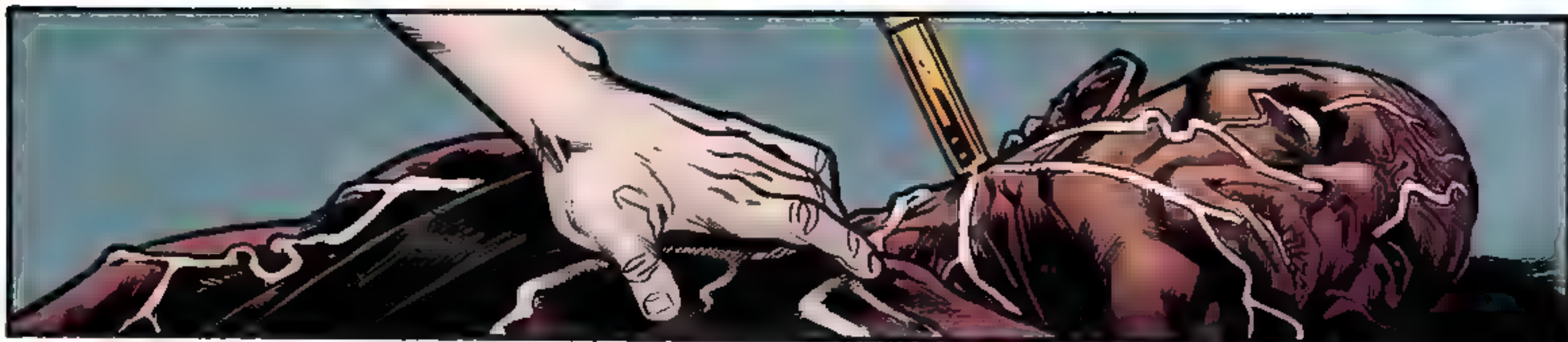
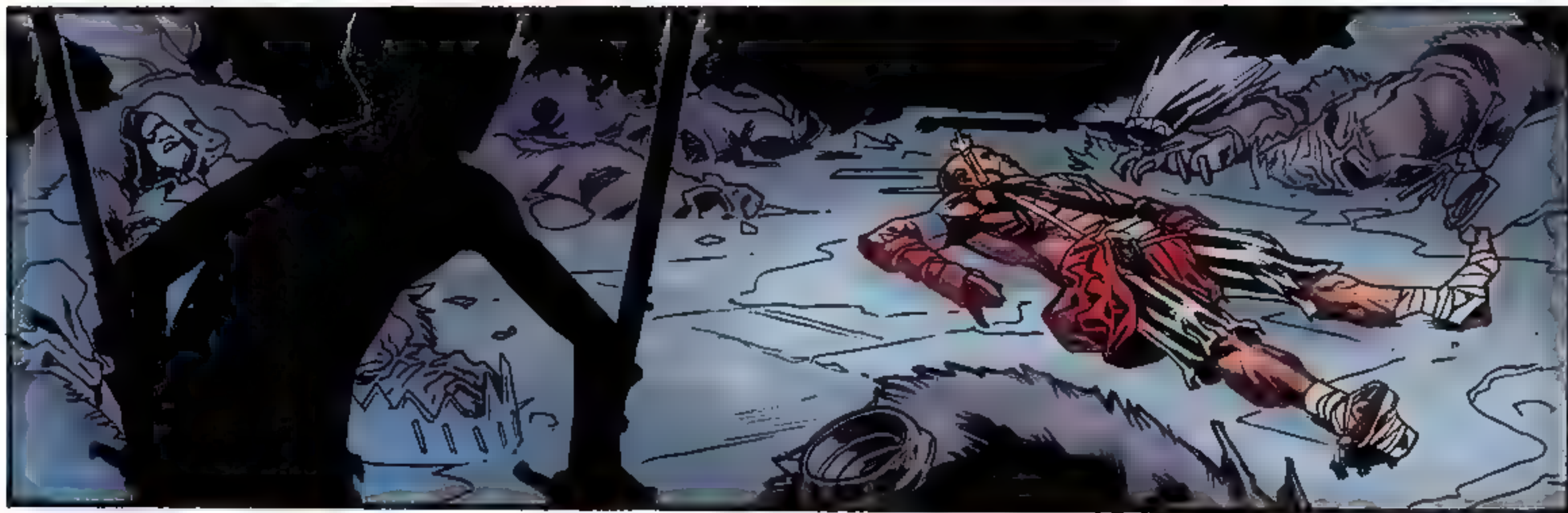
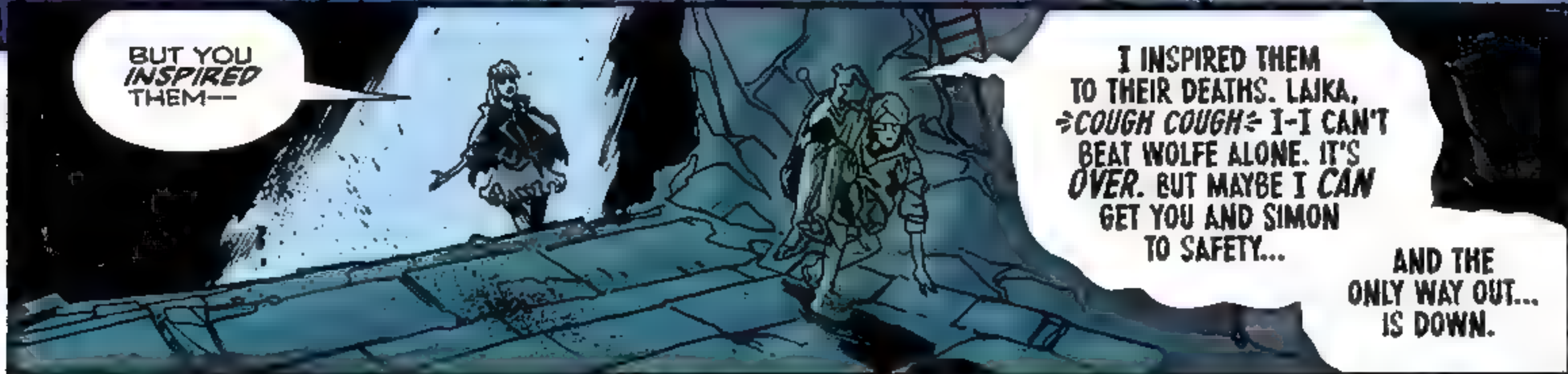
THE VALKS  
ARE DEAD, LAIKA.  
SIMON'S BADLY HURT.  
≡COUGH≡ AND FOR  
WHAT? THEY FOLLOWED  
ME, SACRIFICED  
THEMSELVES FOR  
ME...ALL FOR  
NOTHING.



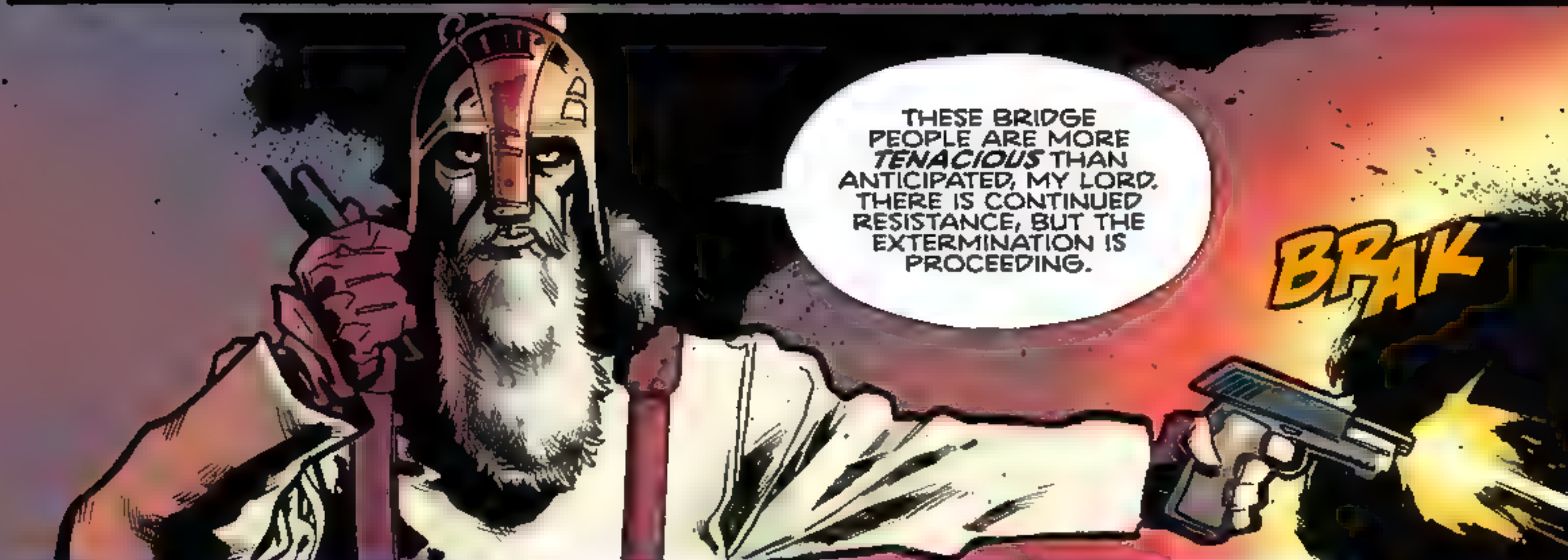
BUT YOU  
INSPIRED  
THEM—

I INSPIRED THEM  
TO THEIR DEATHS. LAIKA,  
≡COUGH COUGH≡ I-I CAN'T  
BEAT WOLFE ALONE. IT'S  
OVER. BUT MAYBE I CAN  
GET YOU AND SIMON  
TO SAFETY...

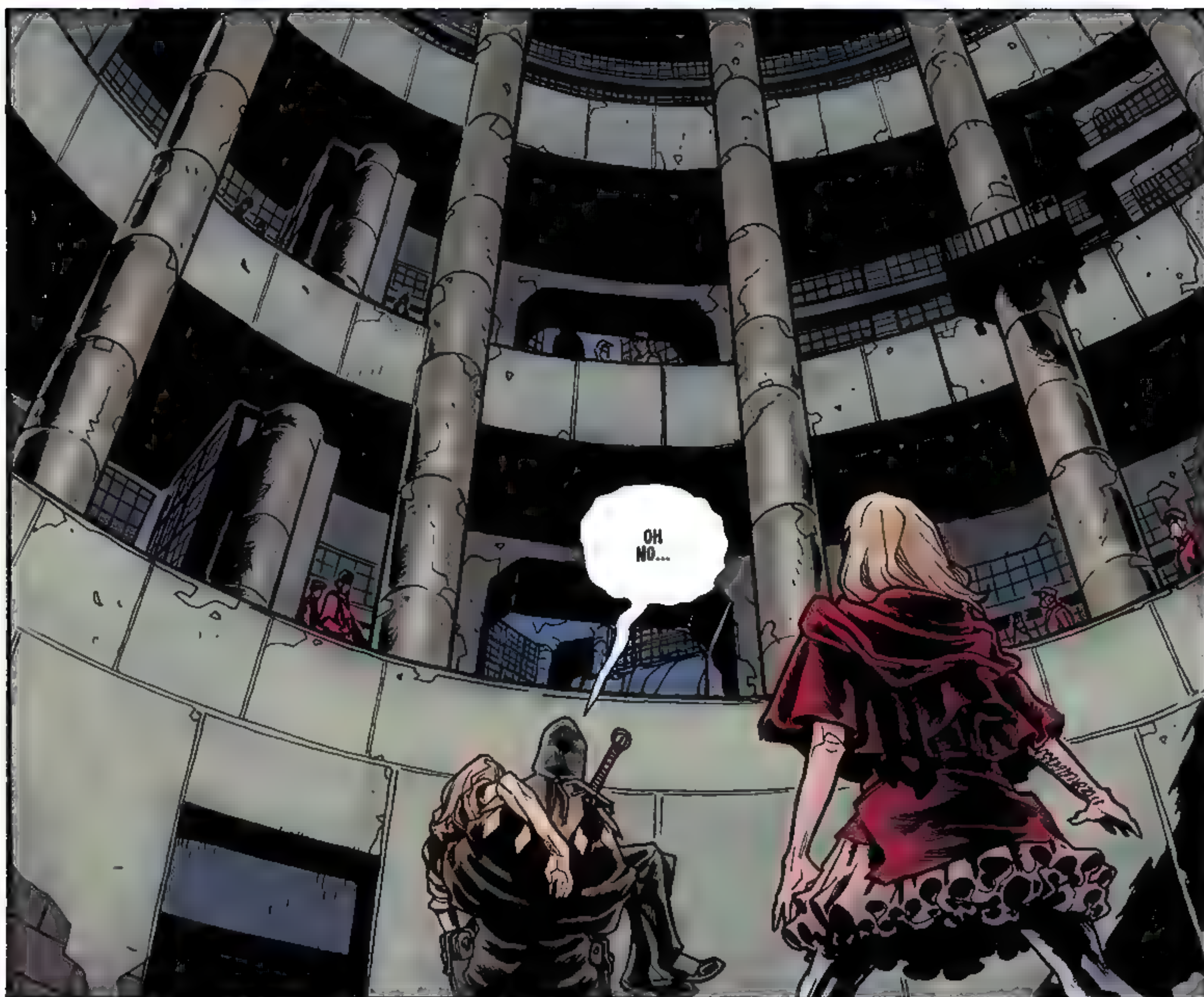
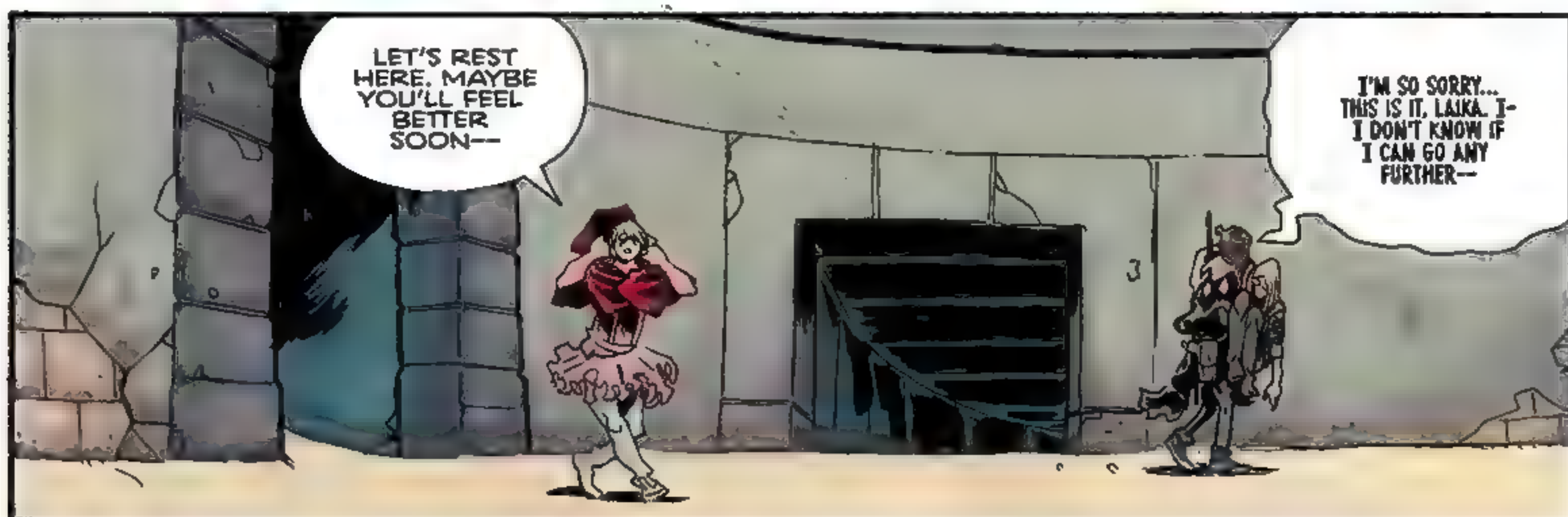
AND THE  
ONLY WAY OUT...  
IS DOWN.



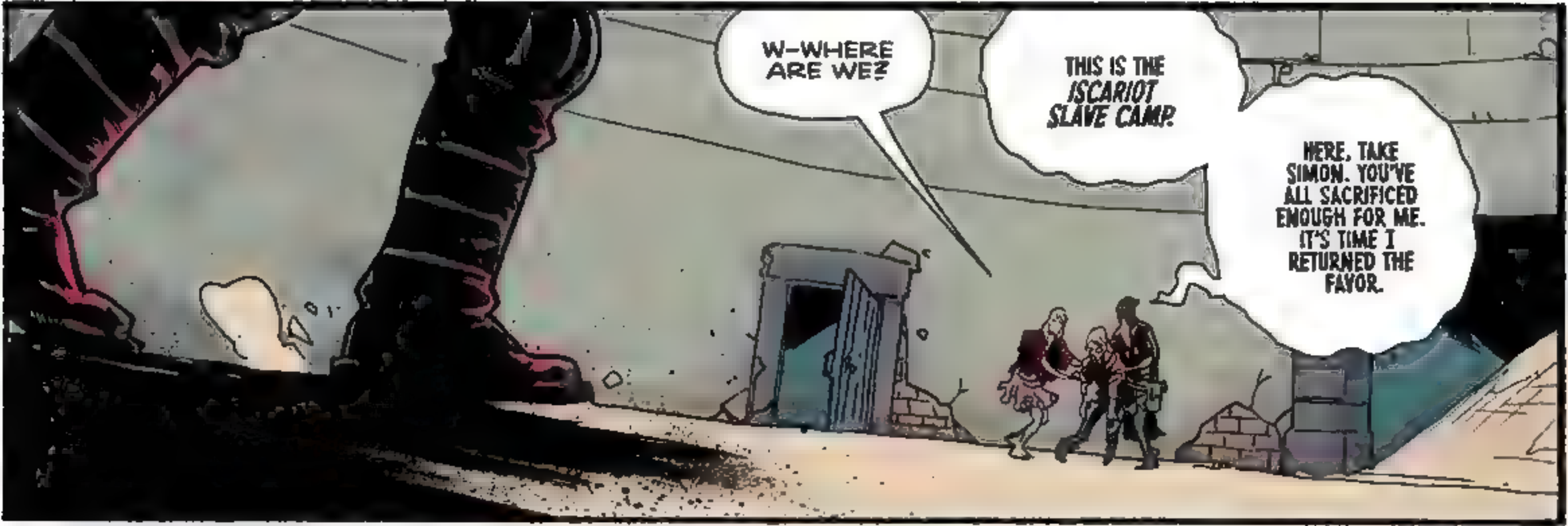












W-WHERE ARE WE?

THIS IS THE ISCARIOT SLAVE CAMP.

HERE, TAKE SIMON. YOU'VE ALL SACRIFICED ENOUGH FOR ME. IT'S TIME I RETURNED THE FAVOR.



HEY! LOOK DOWN THERE!

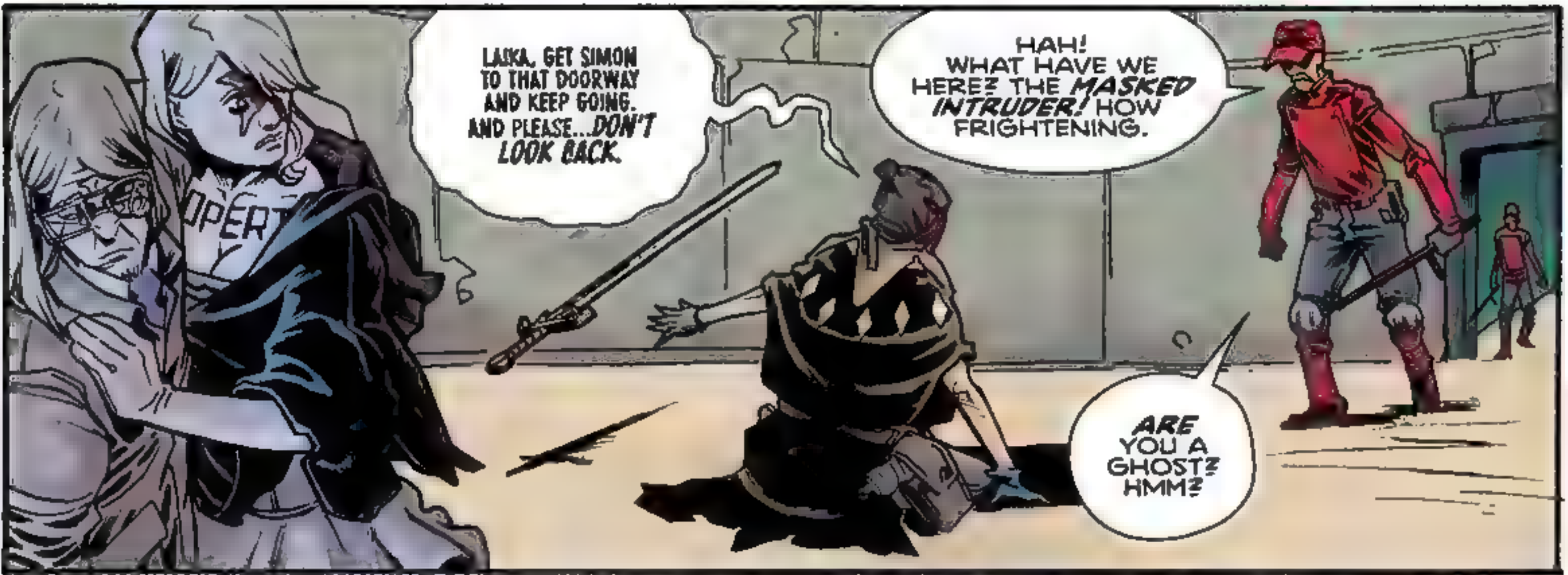
IS THAT THE MASK?



THAT'S GENERAL CHINA'S GHOST!

CHINA! UP HERE!

SAVE US!

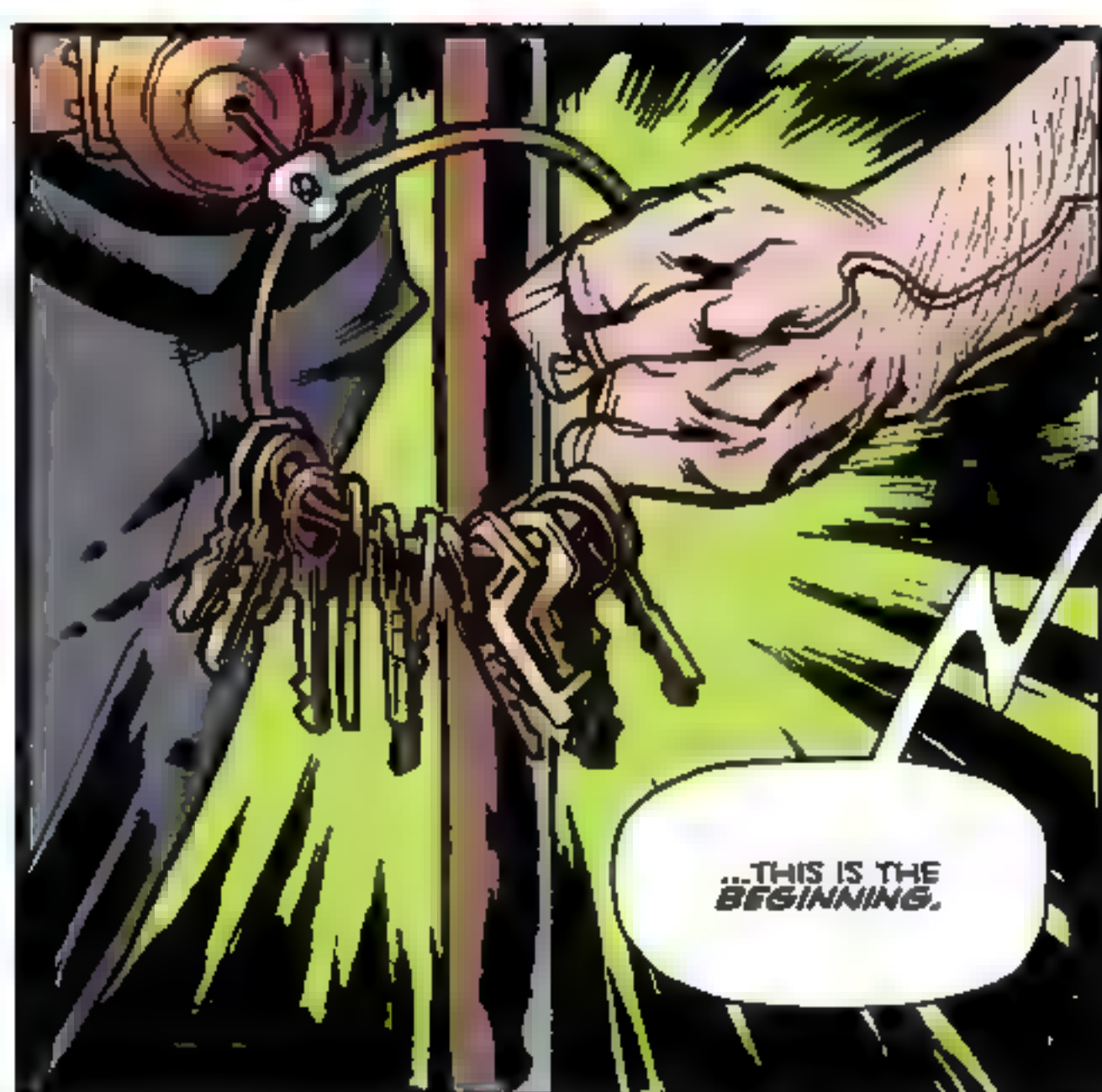
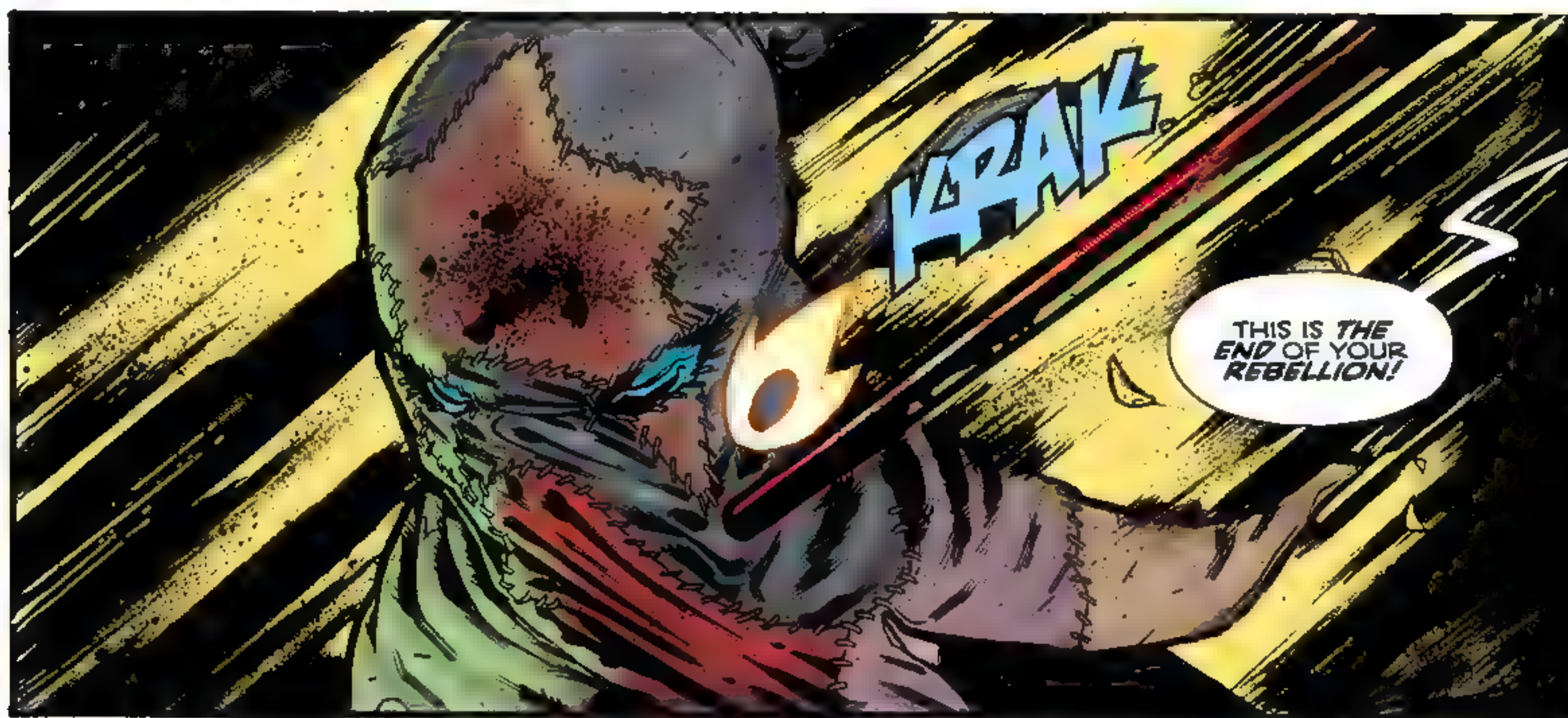


LAIKA, GET SIMON TO THAT DOORWAY AND KEEP GOING. AND PLEASE...DON'T LOOK BACK.

HAH! WHAT HAVE WE HERE? THE MASKED INTRUDER! HOW FRIGHTENING.

ARE YOU A GHOST? HMM?

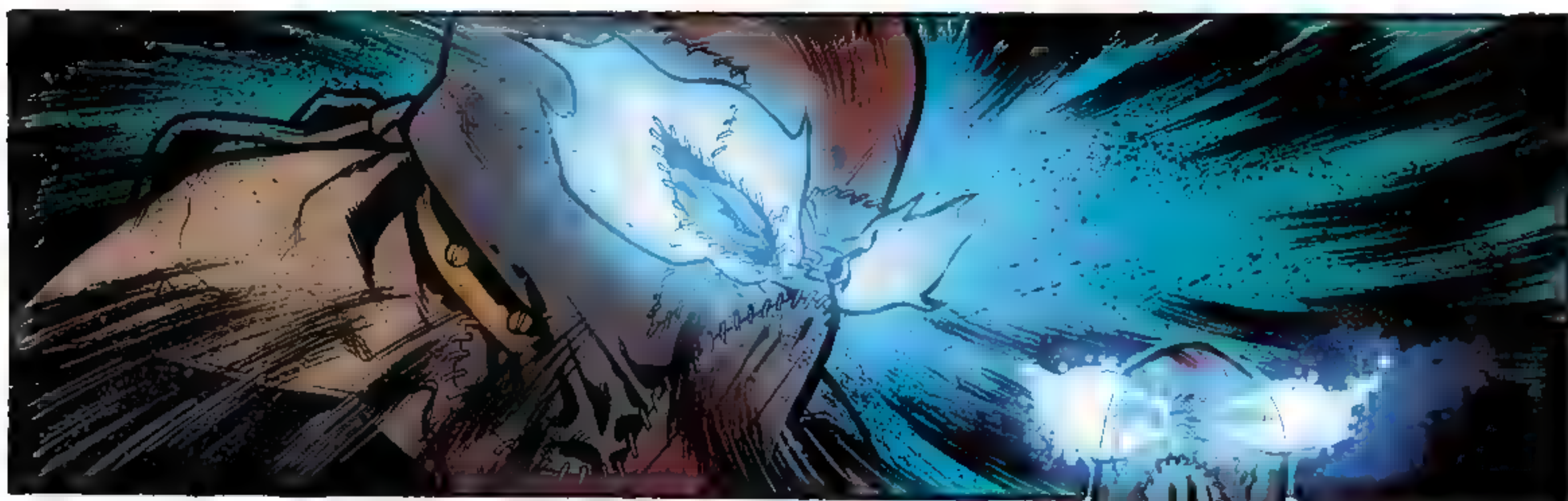




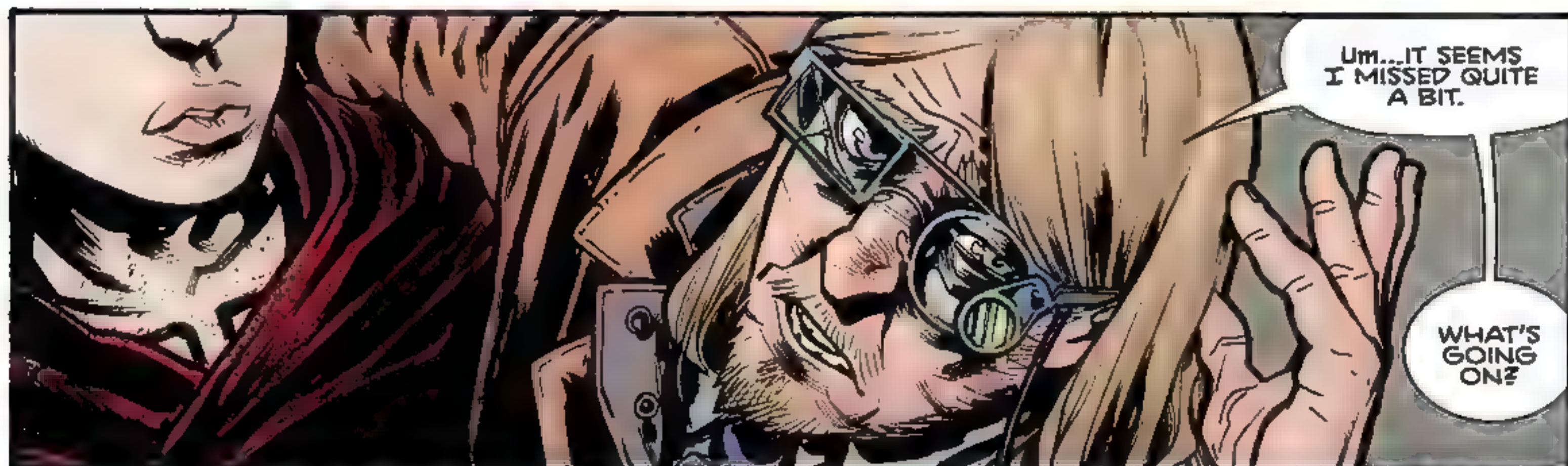




















...ESPECIALLY  
**SUPERSTITIOUS  
IMBECILES** LIKE  
YOU!



PENUEL IS  
FORFEIT. PREPARE  
**OPERATION  
PHOENIX!** GO  
TO YOUR **FINAL  
STATIONS!**



AND...  
RELEASE THE  
**CANNIBAL  
GUARDS.**



I WILL NO  
LONGER SIT IN THE  
TOWERS OF PENUEL--  
I WILL BRING THE  
TOWERS OF PENUEL  
TO OUR ENEMIES!  
**UNTETHER THE  
MOTHER  
SPIDERS!**

WHAT THESE  
BRIDGE SCUM AND  
THEIR "GHOSTLY"  
LEADER DON'T  
KNOW IS... **THIS  
FORTRESS IS A  
WEAPON.**





STAY AWAY FROM US! WE'LL FIGHT!

HAH! WHAT HAVE WE HERE?



SMACK



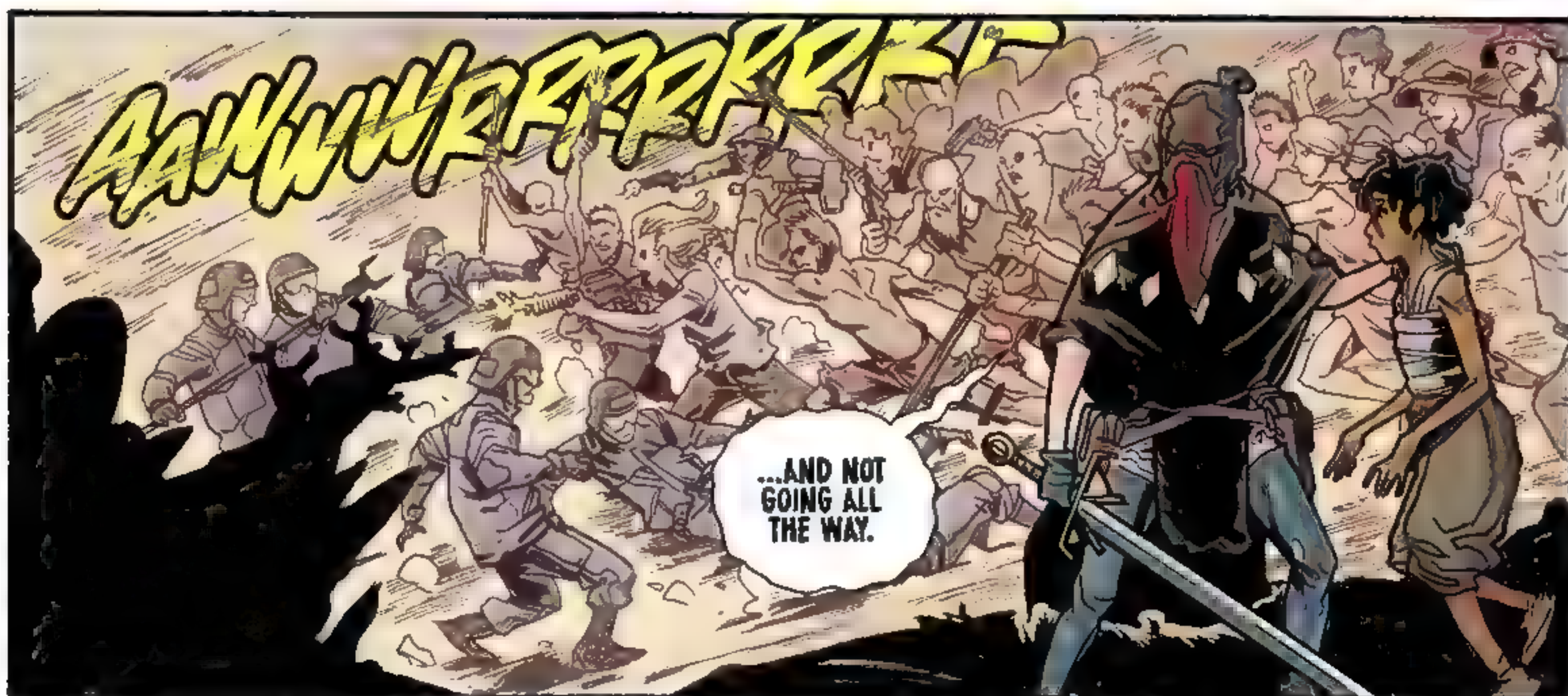
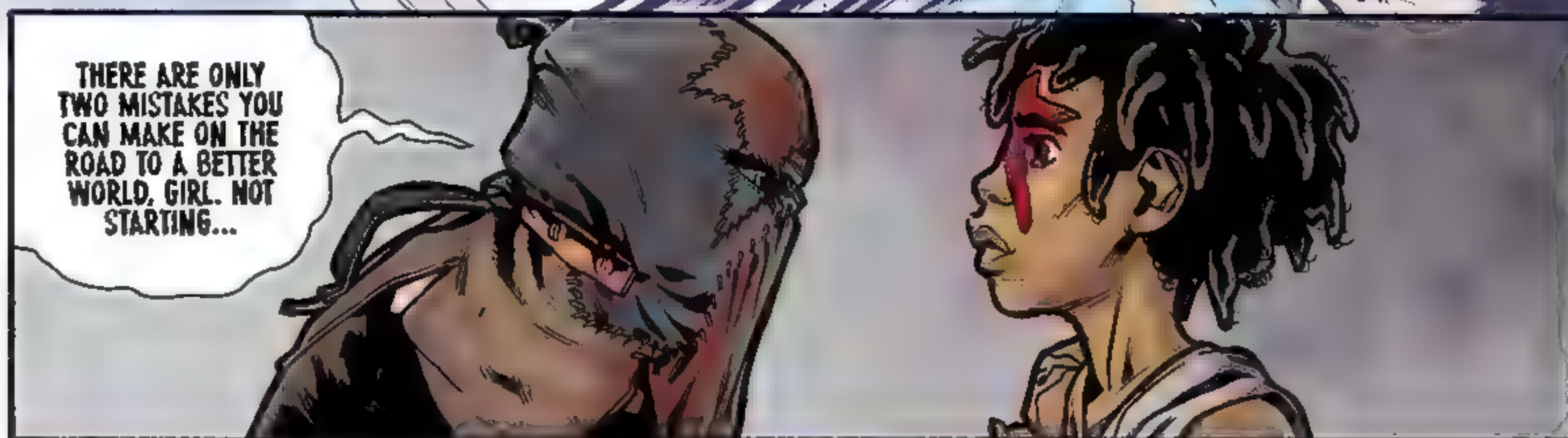
THE WORLD WILL BE MUCH BETTER OFF WITHOUT YOU LITTLE *BRIDGE SLUTS*. BUT, BEFORE I BLOW YOUR STINKING BRAINS OUT, MAYBE I'LL TREAT YOU TO *THIS*---



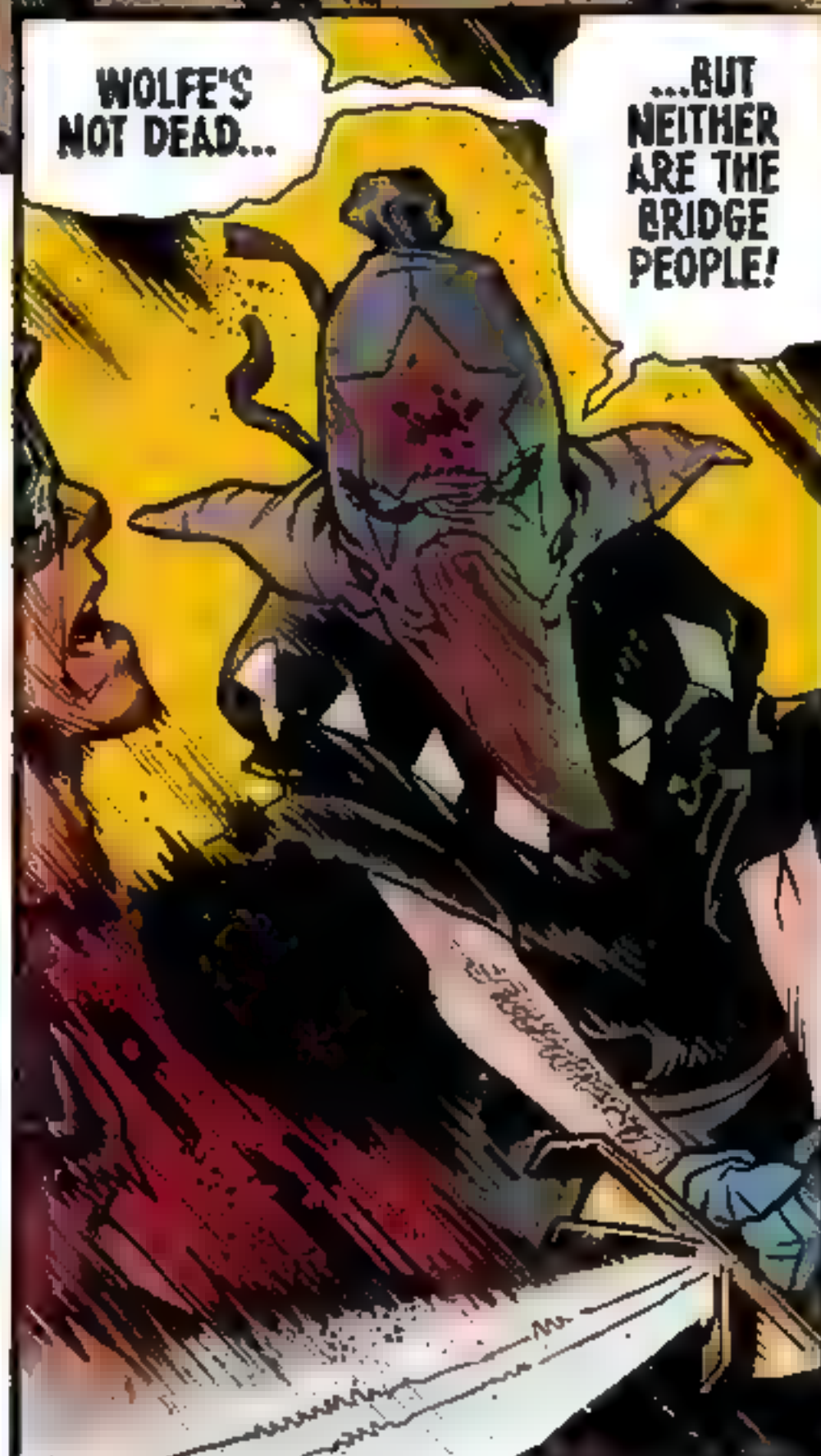
I DON'T THINK SO.

Huh---?





















**TO BE CONCLUDED...**



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Well, rebels of all varieties and righteous readers from around the world, it isn't the end yet, but I'm getting nostalgic already! Next month, the final issue of *Orchid* hits stands. It's a doozy, folks! Our normal expanded twenty-four-page issue

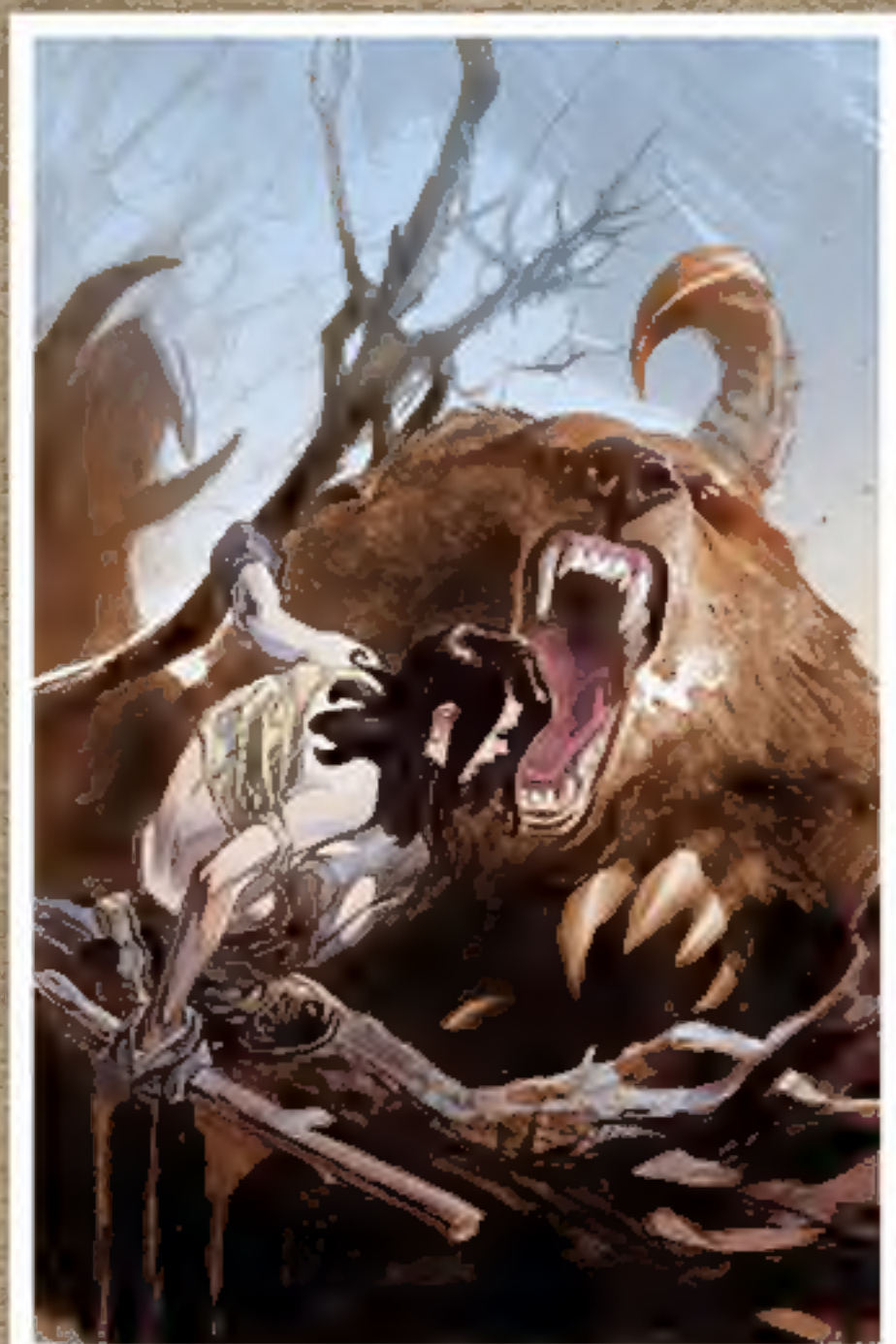
wasn't enough for the big finale, so *Orchid* #12 is going to be twenty-six pages of comic book excellence. Remember when I said, "Hold on to your butts," a few issues ago? Well, you ain't seen nothin' yet!

But back to that nostalgia . . .

We began the *Orchid* journey back in 2011 and it's been a helluva lot of fun. We'll have Tom and Scott chime in next month about working on this saga, but for now, let's take a moment to shine the spotlight on our truly exceptional cover artist, Massimo Carnevale. You'd be hard pressed to find a series with twelve better covers, so let's take a look back . . .



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*Orchid* #2



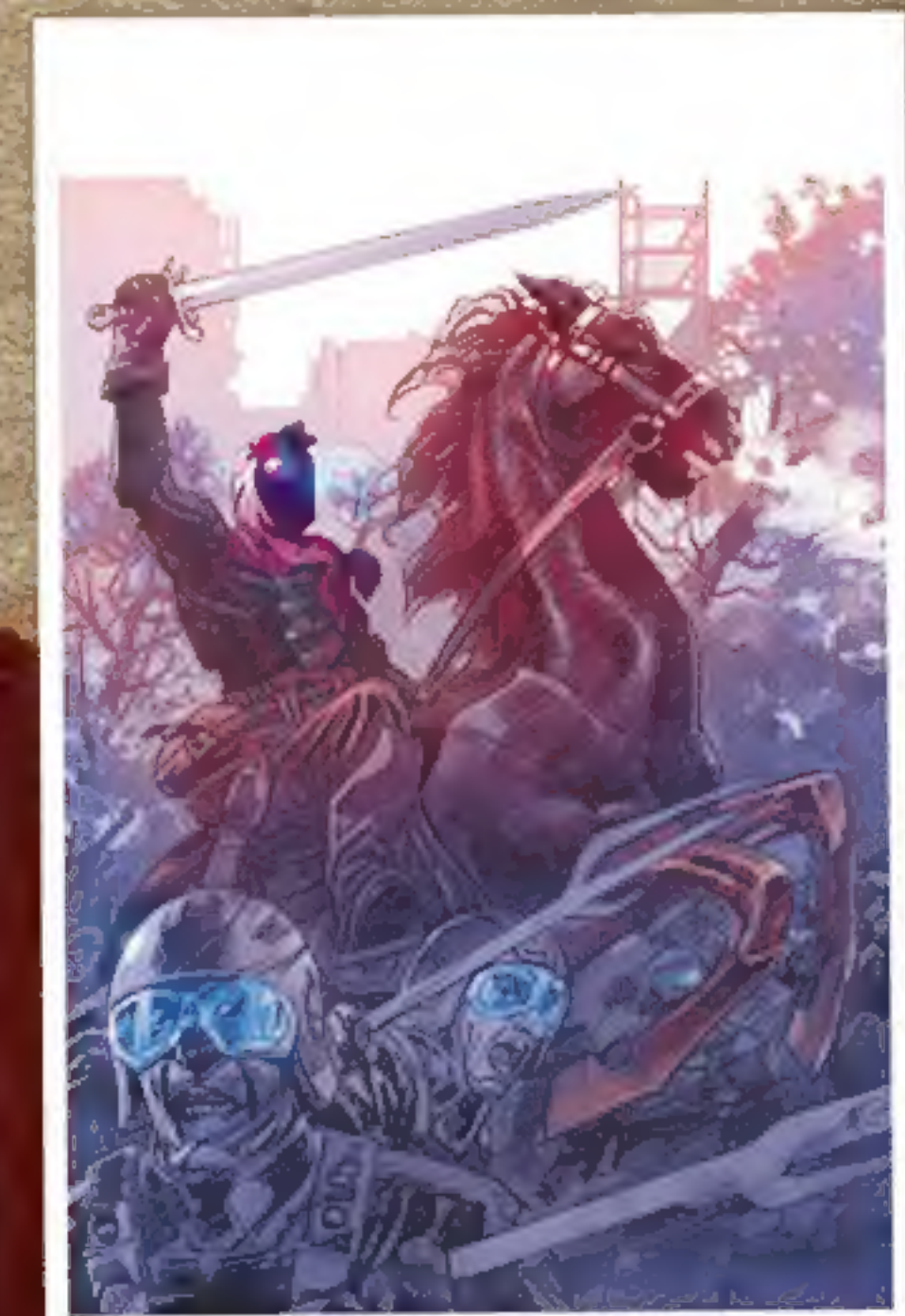
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face to face with Tomo Wolfe! See you in a month!

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